

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

A card destruction system ~~comprises~~ includes a reader to read identification information from a card. A controller is coupled to the reader to receive the identification information and to determine whether the card is to be destroyed. A delivery sensor is coupled to the controller to sense when the card is delivered to a card destruction device. The controller is also configured to produce a record of the destruction based on a signal from the sensor.